

(b) The number of unelectrified villages in the districts of Kishanganj, Araria and Purnea as on 1st April, 1991 was 364, 252 and 442 respectively.

(c) The Bihar State Electricity Board has proposed to electrify five villages in Kishanganj, one village in Araria district and twelve villages in Purnea district during 1991-92.

(d) Supply of power to electrified villages from the State grid is managed by the State Electricity Boards. The power cuts as decided at the State level apply to the rural load feeders as well.

PASSENGER HALTS ON PANSKURA-HALDIA SECTION

1015. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide passenger halt at Kandhibarh, Mahisadal Bayar and Baniachak on the Panskura-Haldia section of South-Eastern Railway ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be provided ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAILIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

AIR LINKING OF STATE CAPITALS WITH BHOPAL

1016. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal of the Indian Airlines to link all the State capitals with each other in the near future ; and

(b) if so, whether Jaipur, Lucknow, Patna, Hyderabad, Bhubaneswar and

Calcutta will be connected with Bhopal during 1991 ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

POWER SUPPLY IN CHANDIGARH

1017. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BAN-SAL : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the power supply position is erratic in Chandigarh ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to rectify/improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) According to the Administration of the Union Territory of Chandigarh, the power supply position in Chandigarh is not erratic. However, low voltage and voltage fluctuations occurred in some pockets of the city due to overloading of the system in the neighbouring States from where power is supplied to the Union Territory.

(b) In order to improve the situation, the Chandigarh Administration has taken steps to regulate the power supply which include imposing peak period restrictions and staggering of weekly off days of the Industrial consumers, addition of capacitors to the system for improving the voltage profile of the distribution system, augmentation and strengthening of the Transmission and Distribution Systems etc.

ADDITIONAL COACHES IN TRAINS RUNNING FROM CHANDIGARH

1018. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BAN-SAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether additional coaches have not been attached for Haridwar, Lucknow

and Patna etc. with trains running to and from Chandigarh to cater the needs of passengers from U. P. and Bihar ; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No additional coaches have been attached.

(b) Operationally not feasible.

JHABUA-INDORE RAIL LINK

1019. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA :

SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made in the construction of the Indore-Dohad rail line in Western Railways ;

(b) whether there is demand to extend this line to Jhabua (Madhya Pradesh) ; and

(c) if so, the decision taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c) Construction of new B. G. links between Godhra-Dahod-Indore via Sardarpur, Dhar and Jhabua and between Dewas-Maksi (316 km.) have been approved and included in the Railway Budget for 1989-90 at an estimated cost of Rs. 297.14 crores. The overall progress achieved as on 30-6-1991 is 8.5%.

KURLA-MANKHURD-NEW BOMBAY SECTION

1020. PROF. RAM KAPSE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made in the construction of Kurla-Mankhurd-New Bombay suburban section ;

(b) whether the work of the project is behind the schedule ;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(d) when it is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Kurla-Mankhurd segment of this line already exists. The progress on work of construction of Mankhurd-Belapur (in New Bombay) segment was 85 % till June 1991.

(b) and (c) Progress of the work has suffered due to delay in the completion of certain part of the work being executed by City & Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO) and non-removal, by the State Government of Maharashtra, of the remaining encroachments on the Mankhurd-end of the alignment.

(d) Completion of the project would depend upon the removal of encroachments by the State Government and completion of the portion of work being executed by CIDCO.

INTRODUCTION OF KALYAN-NASIK SHUTTLE SERVICE

1021. PROF. RAM KAPSE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce Kalyan-Nasik Shuttle Service ;

(b) if so, by when ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to operational and resources constraints.

RAILWAY BOARD BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES ASSOCIATION

1022. DR. C. SILVERA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some branches of the Bharat Scouts and Guides has been working in Railways Board's Office ;